

19 Parallels between Jesus and Jonah

JESUS	JONAH
1. Jesus was from Galilee	1. Jonah was from Galilee
2. Jesus entered ship to pass to eastern shore	2. Jonah entered ship to travel to western shore
3. Jesus fell asleep in stern of ship	3. Jonah fell asleep in the hold – in the rear
4. Great wind and tempest threatened the ship	4. Great wind and tempest threatened ship
5. Ship filled with water, nearly foundering	5. Sailors feared, prayed, tried to save ship
6. Disciples woke Jesus up and talked of perishing	6. Captain woke Jonah up and talked of perishing
7. Jesus (as God) arose, rebuked the wind and sea	7. Jonah knew that God would calm the wind and the sea
8. There was an immediate calm (<i>See Jonah #11</i>)	8. Seriously questioned by his reluctant executioners
9. Disciples feared, marveled, obeyed (<i>See Jonah #12</i>)	9. Sailors pleaded their innocence for the death of Jonah
10. Seriously questioned by His reluctant executioner (<i>See Jonah #8</i>)	10. Sailors hurled Jonah into the sea as instructed by Jonah
11. Pilate declared himself innocent in the death of Jesus (<i>See Jonah #9</i>)	11. There was an immediate calm
12. Jesus was crucified as He had instructed His disciples (<i>See Jonah #10</i>)	12. Sailors feared the Lord, sacrificed, made vows
13. Jesus intentionally sacrificed Himself to die for whole world	13. Jonah intentionally sacrificed himself to die for the whole crew
14. Experienced judgment due to sin (of others)	14. Experienced judgment due to sin (of self)
15. Descended into Hades (Greek for “the place of the dead”)	15. Descended into Sheol (Hebrew for “the place of the dead”)
16. Spent three days in a tomb	16. Spent three days entombed in the belly of a fish
17. Resurrected from the grave	17. Retched up from the belly of the fish
18. 40 days on earth before ascension	18. Warned Nineveh of destruction in 40 days
19. Intended the message of repentance for all, both Jew and non-Jewish	19. A Jew who carried the message of repentance to a non-Jewish nation